

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending. Claims 1-11 are the claims as issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,553,604 ("the '604 patent"), which is the basis for the present reissue application. Claims 12-36 are new. Claims 1, 12, and 25 are the independent claims.

Support for new claims 12-15, 17, and 19-22 is at, for example, col. 1, lines 50-58, col. 2, lines 31-40, and FIG. 1 of the '604 patent. Support for new claim 16 is at, for example, col. 2, lines 41-60 of the '604 patent. Support for new claim 18 is at, for example, col. 2, lines 36-39 of the '604 patent. Support for new claim 23 is at, for example, col. 3, lines 44-47 of the '604 patent. Support for new claim 24 is at, for example, col. 3, lines 50-54 of the '604 patent.

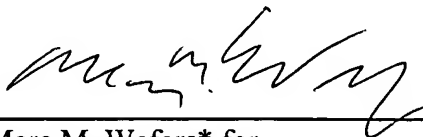
New claims 25-35 correspond to issued claims 1-11, respectively, except that the new claims do not positively recite the handle. New claim 36 depends from new independent claim 25 and recites the handle. Accordingly, support for new claims 25-36 is at, for example, col. 4, lines 24-60 (which lists issued claims 1-11).

Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

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